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GHI Bylaw Amendments Go to Public Hearing

by Al Skolnik

Staggered 3-year terms for board members and a means of meeting deficits due to rising cost of fuel, utilities, and taxes are among the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. bylaw changes that are being favorably considered for submittal to the membership at a Special Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 10. Membership approval by a two-thirds vote is required for any change in bylaws. An informational meeting explaining the bylaw changes to the members has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, at North End School, starting at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will also deal with the energy-saving program described in the Feb. 20 issue of the *News Review*.

At its Thursday, February 20, meeting, the GHI board discussed several bylaw changes, some of which it favored and some of which it took no position on. In addition, two bylaw changes, which have been presented by petition, must be submitted to the membership for vote.

Three-year Terms

The staggered 3-year term means that 3 of the 9 board members would be elected each year. At present, the board terms are for 2 years, with 5 members elected one year and 4 the next. This was a recommendation of the Cresap, McCormick, and Paget management audit.

One argument in favor of this proposal is that the present two-year term is too short for a board member to become fully acquainted with corporation business and make a contribution. Another argument is that 3-year terms assure continuity of policy as turnover would not involve a majority of members. The other side of the coin is that members would not be able to overturn an unpopular board at one election.

Meeting Deficits

The proposal for meeting deficits stems from recent experiences whereby the corporation has been running at a deficit because the membership has refused to increase annual monthly charges by 10 percent or more.

The proposal would permit the board at quarterly intervals to revise operating charges for the rest of the budget year when the cost to GHI for taxes, fuel, water and sewage, electricity, and trash collection rise in the aggregate by more than \$50,000 on an annualized basis. The board indicated that an actual price increase would have to be involved, not simply an underestimate in the budget.

Amending the Bylaws

Another proposed bylaw change involves the procedures for amending the bylaws. At present the bylaws are ambiguous as to whether or not they can be amended by referendum. The board decided to submit two alternatives on the subject. One would not permit any bylaw changes by referendum (either by mail or at a polling place), except when the membership at a membership meeting requests by majority vote that the bylaw change be voted on by referendum. The second would expressly allow the bylaws to be amended through a valid petition for a referendum.

Another bylaw change clarifies that any petition calling for a special membership meeting must contain the motion to be acted upon at the meeting. Another clarifies the right of the membership to change the order of the agenda at the annual membership meeting.

Working Capital

One bylaw change submitted by petition by Eunice Coxon and Martha Hutzler will have to be voted on, even though the board has indicated it will not recommend approval of it. This motion would

require that the working capital funds derived from the 3% assessment on the selling price of GHI units be a subject of an annual report as to their uses. An additional part would require all investments of working capital to be limited to one year.

It was pointed out that this proposal might be costly to frame home owners, since at present the deficit in the frame home budget is being met from the working capital at no interest charge. If this bylaw change was interpreted as precluding the use of working capital for such purposes, then GHI would have to go out and borrow money to meet the frame home deficit. The interest on this loan would then have to be charged the frame homeowners.

One-day Voting

Another bylaw change that the members will be required to vote on was a leftover from the May annual membership meeting. This was a change calling for a one-day voting system, instead of the present two-day voting system. Currently, balloting for GHI offices begins at the annual evening meeting after the candidates have been presented and then continues the next day all day.

Proponents of the change note the difficulties encountered in moving the voting machines after the evening meeting to the site of the balloting the next day. Opponents argue that a 1-day voting system would discourage attendance at the evening business meeting and that cutting back the hours the polls are open will further reduce voter turnout which is fairly low already.

Vandalism Hits Bus Depot

Four Prince Georges County school buses were deliberately burned Saturday night at the school bus depot on Greenbelt Road. Unknown vandals broke into four small buses (12-14 seats) used to transport special education students.

At 8:26 p.m. a passing police officer spotted what he thought was a brush fire in the back corner of the lot near the fence overlooking Beltway Plaza. The first truck on the scene, from Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department, found the fire confined to the four buses. With the additional help sent from Greenbelt and Branchville, the fire was quickly extinguished. Firemen at the scene said flames taken from the buses were used to start the fires.

Clearly a case of arson, the County Fire Marshall's office is investigating.

Peter Blauvelt security chief for the county board of education, estimates the damage at \$14,000 to \$18,000. One bus was repaired Sunday in time to be back in service by Monday morning. Two buses, badly damaged, will probably be repaired at a cost of \$4,000 to \$8,000. The fourth is expected to be a total loss, due to structural damage. Its replacement cost is \$10,000.

Students are being transported at their regularly scheduled times on alternate buses.

WHAT GOES ON

Tues., March 11, 7:30 p.m. GHI information meeting, North End School

Thurs., March 13, 7:45 p.m. Greenbelt Woman's Club, Library Meeting Room
8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

SENIOR BUS SERVICE SCHEDULE CHANGED

by Elaine Skolnik

The weekly Thursday shuttle bus service for Greenbelt's senior citizens has been expanded to include stops in Springhill Lake as well as the core of Greenbelt. Twenty-eight seniors rode the bus last week. Former city manager Charles McDonald, president of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, said the "new program has already brought our community closer together." Greenbelt seniors have been invited to participate in the Thursday morning knitting class at the SHL Community house.

Every Thursday at 10 a.m. and again at 12:15 p.m. the bus will wind its way around Greenbelt. Return trips from Beltway Plaza are scheduled at approximately 12 noon and 2 p.m. The cost of each trip is 10c, and passengers will be picked up and discharged at various points throughout the city, including the Greenbelt Shopping Center, Greenbelt Convalescent Home, Giant Food Store, Beltway Plaza and Springhill Lake. Persons eligible to ride the bus must be 55 years and older.

The program is funded by the county under the auspices of the Department of Human Resources' Division of Aging (DOA). Vincent Goodsell, DOA official, said "the shuttle bus program looked encouraging and was off to a good start." He thought the Greenbelt seniors were a "terrific group."

Playing a large role in initiating the program was the Prince Georges County Advisory Committee on Aging. Greenbelters Eunice Coxon and Hulda Bomberger are among the 24-member committee which serves as a link between the senior citizens of the county and the County Executive.

Scheduled stops on Thursdays will be as follows: Crescent and Lastner at 10 a.m.; Crescent & Greenhill; Crescent and Northway; right at Parkway to Co-op parking lot loading platform; along Crescent to Hillside with stops on Hillside at 6 court, Northway, Laurel and Research; stops along Ridge at Research, Laurel, Plateau, Northway, Eastway, Gardenway; back to Co-op loading platform; along Crescent to Westway; Westway and Ridge; 14 Ridge; Southway and Ridge; 10 Southway; along Greenbelt road with stops at Convalescent Home, Lakecrest road, Giant Parking lot; Beltway Plaza Mall and the A & P. Bus will continue on Cherrywood Lane to Springhill Dr., SHL Community House, Edmonston Rd., Edmonston Court, and back to Beltway Plaza.

The bus will return via Greenbelt Road as far as Kenilworth and come into Greenbelt past the lake to Lastner and Crescent where it will follow the same route.

Attention GHI Members

A membership information meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of North End Elementary School. This meeting will be concerned with proposals for bylaw changes and energy conservation procedures. All members of GHI are encouraged to attend and participate in this important meeting.

REPLAY OF CEMETERY STORY; LITTLE PLOT BUT MANY JOKES

by Bob McGee

"Mr. Mayor, why do they want to put up a fence around the city cemetery?" "Because people are just dying to get in, my son." Actually Mayor Pilski didn't say this exactly . . . it was more like there was a big demand for city cemetery plots. And the discussion at the regular Greenbelt city council meeting on Monday, March 3 was more grave than this. But it did deal principally with all of the ins and outs of lifting the moratorium on the sale of city cemetery lots, and it was interspersed with a goodly number of puns and other attempts at levity. A little time was spent on tot lot playgrounds and the plan to modify the swimming pool, but not much.

It seems that there are 168 lots in the cemetery, besides the original Turner family cemetery, of which 68 lots had been sold prior to the moratorium on lot sales two years ago. (The *News Review* incorrectly stated this as 17 plots last week. Actually there are 17 plots in which persons are presently interred.) The city manager, James Giese, had recommended — and four city advisory boards supported — that the cemetery property be made a memorial park which would preserve the existing grave sites, provide for memorials, such as trees, sculpture, etc., for Greenbelt citizens, and provide a park for enjoyment of the living. This would have meant there would be no further sales of lots and a procedure would be established for the repurchase of unused lots.

Lifetime Opportunity

The discussion was kicked off by Emory Harmon who would like to see the cemetery opened up to new sales of plots again. He said that there were a lot of Greenbelters who planned to remain here the rest of their lives and would like to have the opportunity to remain in the city even longer than that if given a chance. "I talked with Mayor Pilski earlier this evening," he stated, "and he'd like to stay here the rest of his life and beyond, right?"

Harmon was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Highland who stated that they have been Greenbelt residents for 28 years and would like to have the opportunity to purchase plots. Joe Wilkinson stated that the number of plots was so small that they could not begin to serve the needs of a city that would eventually be about 40,000 people in size. "The only way to handle this, and guard against speculation in plots," he said, "is to let death be the determinant of who gets into plot purchasing." He suggested that the plots be sold only to those families who wished to purchase a plot for a deceased member who had expressed the wish of being buried in Greenbelt.

Memorial Park

Both Mayor Pilski and councilman Richard Castaldi, who presently own plots in the cemetery, advocated that all remaining plots be put up for sale. Councilman Gil Weidenfeld took the stance that the only equitable way of handling the situation would be to take the city manager's recommendation of turning it into a memorial park to be used by all.

Councilmen Charles Schwan and Thomas White supported a compromise which would permit the sale of the remaining plots in the four subsections in which plots were already sold — about 32 plots in all — and turning the remaining plots (about 70) into a park. The latter position carried on a voice vote, with Pilski having indicated he would join Schwan and White in the compromise because he was sure that, once opened, the demand for plots would be so great that council would be back again to open up the rest of the plots for sale.

Considerable discussion then took place about restrictions and other

kinds of guidance for the city manager to assist him in drawing up the ordinance which would govern the sale of plots, but mostly it was about how much the cost of the plots should be. White introduced a motion to place the price at \$400, suggesting that this was not unreasonable, would quickly bring in revenue for maintenance of the cemetery, and would probably be the real test of whether or not people were dying to be buried in the city cemetery as Pilski and others had suggested. He was joined by Schwan.

What Price Plot?

Pilski and Castaldi both felt that \$200 would be more reasonable. Weidenfeld said he had no idea how to set a figure, but that \$300 seemed to be about the mean of plot prices for the general area. Schwan and White agreed to that, and were joined by Pilski and White. Tom Greer, of Springhill Lake, kept pressing for at least \$500 to no avail.

Someone earlier had mentioned that lots had previously sold for \$35, to which Schwan remarked, "Now that's what I call a dead steal." Castaldi, at the end, said that he just didn't want to get into this discussion again and hoped that this would take care of the matter once and for all, to which Pilski replied, "Sorry, Richard, but these kind of issues never die." The matter was buried for the evening however.

Playgrounds

Mary Clarke, representing the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, read a number of letters supporting the redevelopment of the Lake Park playground and Candy Cane City as bicentennial projects, and urged that more imagination be used in the future development of playgrounds for small children. She was supported by Wayne Williams of Ridge Road, who further recommended that citizen groups might work in cooperation with the city to better maintain the present playgrounds, many of which are deteriorating. There were a number of recommendations for developing do-it-yourself kinds of play areas and the use of throw-away materials. The council referred the PRAB report to the Bicentennial Committee for consideration.

Other Matters

George Jones and Charles Gregg spoke in support of accepting the Greenhorne and O'Mara report about constructing a turning wall and filling in the bottom end of the shallow end of the pool in order to create a 25 meter AAU regulation pool which would be eligible for swimming meets. The matter was referred to PRAB for further study. In other actions, council approved placing a historical marker, as recommended by the Bicentennial Committee, at the city entrance on Southway; adopted a deadline date of June 10 for budget; accepted the CABLE Television Committee report and agreed to disseminate copies to interested bodies, including the library; approved a clean-up campaign in April when the lake level will be lowered for this purpose; selected the firm of Lee, Hendricks & Co. as auditors again for next year; and supported councilman White's recommendation that the city appear in opposition to PEPCO's proposed rate increase at the Public Service Commission hearing on April 7 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. High School in Beltsville. Council will hold a work session to develop its position before the hearing.

Council also set a public hearing for the proposed charter amendment to set up new election procedures on Thursday, March 20.

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A GHI Exchange

December 3, 1974

Mr. Albert Ginsberg
8700 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland
Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is to notify you that a registered mail packet will be sent to you. It will clarify, itemize, and document how the 1,000 frame home-owners have been systematically exploited and victimized over the years.

Our board of directors and manager took covert advantage of the limited knowledge many of our members possess to analyze the prolific material of budgets, memoranda, and reports with which they were bombarded.

A classic example is our "Capital Improvement" hoax voted on December 18, 1968. This was a coverup for a Suburban Trust ten year "Demand Note", on which our board paid \$40,273 amortization in 1969. When I questioned Mr. Hayman from Cresap, McCormack and Paget, whether it was a smoke screen, he admitted I was right.

Again, in 1968 we had an investment posted at \$146,000 of unsold units, listed at \$57,500 on Mr. Ochmann's yearly report. When I found the \$88,500 difference listed under "liabilities and trade", I knew something was dead wrong in this organization.

In 1971, we had a \$212,432.33 payoff, almost a quarter of a million dollars, on the "Demand Note", leaving a balance of \$132,474.42. This was mentioned only in the U. S. Income Tax report. How can one equate this with Mr. Shinderman's statement that "there is nothing in the budget for 350 radiator valves in the frame homes."

But the crowning insult to the membership is our present budget. The brazenness and callousness of board and management is unbelievable.

I am fully aware of the reasons for this concerted effort by board and management to phase out the frame homes by monetary means, debt upon debt, elimination of the middle class, the expendables.

As our corporation lawyer, you must appreciate the untenable position both board and management may find themselves in, either individually or collectively, in the near future.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Member
Martha Hutzler

February 28, 1975

Mrs. Martha Hutzler
7-B Research Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Dear Mrs. Hutzler:

Three months have passed since you made serious accusations of administrative and accounting irregularities in GHI at the special membership meeting on December 9, 1974. You indicated that evidence was being sent to appropriate legal authorities for action. Since GHI has received no indication of an official investigation, I believe it is in the best interest of the corporation to conduct an inquiry to determine the validity of your very serious charges as soon as possible.

I am suggesting, therefore, a procedure to insure the entire membership that charges have been examined and relevant findings reported. With the concurrence of the Board of Directors I am appointing an investigating panel of GHI members to review the documents you submitted, and other pertinent material, including any that you or other members may wish to submit. Further, I am requesting that the panel hear you or any other members on these or related charges of accounting irregularities.

At the conclusion of the review, the panel will report their findings to the Board, Audit Committee, membership and legal authorities as appropriate.

I trust that you will cooperate with the investigating panel in the best interest of all GHI members.

Sincerely,

James W. Smith
GHI President

cc: News Review

Mr. Albert Ginsberg,
Attorney

Reporter Commended

To the Editor:

Mr. Skolnik the author of your recent article on the Greenbelt Community Project - Solar Heat (News Review, February 20, 1975), is to be commended. The article was informative, timely and factually complete. It should answer every citizen's questions on the project. I have received several very favorable comments from GHI members.

On behalf of the GHI Staff and committee members who have worked on the Project Plan, "Well done" and thanks.

Hugh B. O'Donnell

Chairman, GHI Engineering and Maintenance Committee

Mishkan Torah News

Rabbi Kenneth Berger will conduct a family service at the Mishkan Torah on Fri., March 7 at 8 p.m. Sat. services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Greenbelt Employees Take Sign Language Lessons

The Mayor of Greenbelt and his wife, the City Manager, and 18 City employees are taking up sign language lessons. The City sponsored the course after receiving expressions of interest from several employees in learning how to communicate with their fellow employees who have hearing handicaps. Participation is voluntary and includes employees from all of the city's departments.

"I am pleased", Mayor Richard R. Pilski stated, "that the city is able to provide this opportunity to its employees to better communicate with fellow employees and citizens who are deaf. Greenbelt is pleased to count a number of persons with hearing handicaps among its citizens. The several employees who are deaf have proven many times over that the loss of hearing is not a handicap that prevents them from performing work equally as well as those employees who are not handicapped".

Ten one hour sessions are planned for the course. The instructor is Mrs. Avis C. Garren, a Greenbelt resident who learned sign language at Gallaudet College. At the first session Mrs. Garren told her pupils that she became interested in and learned sign language so that she could communicate with her refuse collector.

City Manager James K. Giese noted that he had decided to have the City sponsor the course after he learned of the efforts of a number of employees to arrange for a course at their expense through the Recreation Department. Giese stated, "A major problem in providing effective governmental services to citizens in any city is that of communication between city employees and the citizens and, internally, between employees of various departments and crews. Obviously, communication with persons with hearing handicaps has been very limited. Therefore, it was very appropriate for the City to encourage these efforts to bring the deaf closer to their city government through better communication by sponsoring the sign language course".

City officials hope this training program will be of continuing interest to its employees and are prepared to offer additional courses if desired.

For further information contact James K. Giese, City Manager. The classes are held Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Pictures may be taken at the conclusion of the class.

CARES NEEDS TUTORS

Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau, 133 Centerway, needs volunteer tutors. The number of volunteer hours may vary from 1-4 hours per week. Tutoring may be done in the tutor's home or in the student's home with the scheduling arranged by both concerned parties. The Youth Services Bureau office may also be used for tutoring each Thurs. from 7-9 p.m. Tutors are needed primarily in math, reading and vocabulary. Anyone interested in helping, call 345-3456 or stop by the CARES office next to the Greenbelt Theater.

2nd Annual Race At Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park is presenting its Second Annual Two-Mile Race on March 15, at 11 a.m. The race will begin at the Sweetgum Picnic Area. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded to the participants posting the fastest times. There is no age limit or limit on the number of participants.

CHILDREN GETTING YOU DOWN

The Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group - sponsored by the P. G. County Board of Education will meet March 12, 9:30 - 11:30 at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. Topic for discussion will be the book *Parent Effectiveness Training* by Dr. Thomas Gordon. Everyone is invited to attend. Coffee served. For further information call discussion leader Betty Hughes 474-8458.

GHI Board Secrecy To the Editor:

Hi! GHI Members: I am reporting to you again this week about the latest in a series of "gifts" from your board of directors and "silent-as-usual" Audit Committee, the supposed watch-dog of your financial and legal rights!

Would you believe you have now received a St. Patrick's Day gift in the form of an agreement, tagged an experimental NASA-GHI Solar Heat Project already signed with not only no VOTE of the general membership but believe it or not without the legal consent of at least one of the members of the eight houses involved? At this writing, this member is not even in possession from management of the agreement and the equally important detailed project statement, a part of this agreement. I doubt the others in this group of "test homes" are! I am still awaiting from Mr. Foster, GHI treasurer, the receipt of a complete listing of the costs to be reimbursed by NASA as well as those to be borne by GHI.

The News Review has given very little detailed information until last week and we have received no newsletter or any other communication!

Talk about "the Wearin' of the Green", the leprechauns around Hamilton Place would blush beet red, if they could hear the remarks of the members about the latest and most flagrant example of board arrogance. This board is not off the hook, yet, either on the mortgage modification contract!

Inasmuch as Phase I of this program involves modification of the windows, and Phase two, of the structures, which could affect the resale value of these homes and the character of the neighborhood, involves no pledge by the government for responsibility for any damage by either Goddard Space personnel or GHI personnel, lists electrical expense as GHI's the membership, including the members most vitally affected, should let the board members know immediately in writing or by telephone that they have a right to all details, pictures, drawings and a vote. Speak up. YOU are the CORPORATION!

Eunice E. Coxon

Vilma V. Cormack

Vilma V. Cormack 78, who was active in Greenbelt community affairs, died Thursday of cancer at the Greenbelt Convalescent Center, lived at 6-B Ridge Road.

Mrs. Cormack was a member of the Greenbelt Community Church and Chorus, the Greenbelt Woman's Club, the Greenbelt Lion Belles, and the Golden Age Club.

A native of Hungary, she came to this country with her parents in 1909, and attended schools in New York City. She received a degree in liberal arts from Cornell University.

She was the chief nutritionist at Amherst Central High School in Snyder, N.Y., from 1932 until 1935. During World War II she was a Grav Lady for the Red Cross at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Her late husband, Charles M. Cormack, Sr., was for many years Fiscal Manager for the Public Housing Administration and served as Greenbelt community manager from 1946 to 1949.

She is survived by two sons, Charles M., of Seabrook, Md., and Robert V., of Moorstown, N.J.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lincoln Day Dinner

The Prince Georges County Lincoln Day dinner will be held on Sat., March 15 at the Student Union Grand Ballroom at the University of Maryland at 7 p.m. Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee will be the guest speaker. Call Dan Miller 345-4709 for information.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Rd.

Worship Services

8:30 and 11:15 A.M.

Sunday School 9:50 A.M.

Weekday Nursery School

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Phone 345-5111

Edward H. Birner, Pastor



GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)

Rev. William R. Murry, Ph.D. Interim Minister

Sun., 11 a.m. Worship Service and Church School

Nursery Care for infants (2-B Hillside)

6 p.m. Potluck Supper followed by film,

"Between the Dark and the Daylight."

Tues. 7:45 p.m. "Ethics from a Biblical Perspective," - Dr. Murry.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Mowatt Memorial) 40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 474-9410

Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, Pastor 474-8381

Worship Service - 11:00 A.M. - Sermon: What Then Shall We Say?

Nursery through Kindergarten at 11:00 A.M.

Church School (Nursery through Adults) 9:30 A.M.

TAKE TIME

- To Sing
- To Celebrate
- To Pray
- To Know that God is reaching out to YOU.

Greenbelt Baptist Church

474-4040

Sunday Worship Services

11 am & 7 pm

Bible Study for all ages (Sunday)

9:45 am

Mid Week Service (Wednesday)

7:30 pm



THE TWIN PINES SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN. WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1975 AT 8 p.m., IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE GREENBELT CITY OFFICE BUILDING.

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

AGENDA WILL INCLUDE ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS & NOMINATING & MEMBER RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Greenbelt Carry-out

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

Coca Cola, RC or Pepsi Cola, 16 oz. bottles ... \$1.19 ctn.

Sat. - Royal Steak Sub75

Sun. - Goldiburger25

GOLDEN JOE INFLATION FIGHTER

107 CENTERWAY

474-4998

GHI Solar Project Moves Ahead, But Hits A Bump

by Al Skolnik

The solar heat demonstration project took another step forward at the Thursday, February 27 meeting of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors when the latter approved the purchase of overlay storm windows and doors for the 8 brick units involved on a bid submitted by Supreme Aluminum Products. The board had a choice of getting overlay windows which bolt right over the present casement windows, or of replacing the present windows with double insulated sashed thermowindows or with a single glazed window and storm window.

The board chose the overlay windows because of their lower cost and because they will be least disruptive to the present design. An amount not to exceed \$16,000 was authorized, which includes the cost of the windows themselves, the cost of labor and material for refurbishment of existing casement windows prior to storm window installation, and the cost of installation of check valves and additional insulation to make the domestic hot water system more effective. This amount will be reimbursed by NASA which is conducting the experiment.

Also included in the purchase are fabrication drawings for the overlay storm windows. If the storm windows are effective, these drawings will permit GHI to initiate a mass production program for the rest of the GHI brick homes.

A Protest

At the outset of the meeting, Frances Morley, 15-C Ridge Road, a resident of one of the rows slated for the experiment, protested that she had not been consulted. The News Review had reported the week before that the inhabitants had all agreed to the experiment. This information had come from GHI officials.

GHI manager Roy Breashears said that what he had meant to say was that all the inhabitants who had been contacted were in agreement, but that not everyone could be reached. GHI president Jim Smith and other board members expressed their regret that Mrs. Morley's approval had not been obtained and proceeded to explain the many advantages that would accrue to the participants at no expense to them: The existing casement windows would be cleaned of all paint, glass replaced where needed, roll-out handles and fasteners replaced where necessary, climaxed by the installation of storm windows and doors to assure warmer houses. Smith said that releases were not needed from the members for the experiment to continue, but he hoped that Mrs. Morley would cooperate in the project.

Another Protest

At the initiative of Smith, the board unanimously voted to appoint an ad hoc outside committee charged with the responsibility of investigating charges repeatedly made by Martha Hutzler of "administrative and accounting irregularities" on the part of GHI staff and officials. The board specified that the committee would not have any present or former board or audit committee members on it.

"I have no knowledge of any irregularities" Smith said, "but apparently Mrs. Hutzler's charges have been upsetting people." Mrs. Hutzler will be asked to submit any material she has to the committee.

Breashears said that he would welcome any investigation. He noted the many hours that his staff have spent in assembling material and answering questions directed to it by Mrs. Hutzler.

Still Another Protest

Breashears reported that the original letter sent to Eunice Coxon by Federal National Mortgage Association regarding the principal payments and interest involved in the deferral of the 1974 mortgage payments contained errors. The principal variance occurred with respect to the amount of the balloon payment. FNMA was using a beginning of the month figure; GHI an end of the month figure. FNMA has stated that it will send Mrs. Coxon a corrected letter.

Termites

The board approved the granting

of a termite control contract in the amount of \$12,432 to cover first year operations. A report by Western Exterminating Company reported that 37 frame home rows had evidence of termite infestation and building damage, and needed immediate termite treatment.

The program proposes complete soil saturation inside and outside of all foundation walls including the perimeter of all supporting piers and areas in and around additions and under patios and porches. Each building would be issued a 5-year guarantee effective the day of the treatment.

The board contemplates extending the termite control program in 1976 to those buildings that have evidence of infestation, but light termite damage which at this time do not require repairs. In 1977 the program would include buildings that have evidence of termite infestation, but no visible evidence of termite damage.

Other Matters

The board has set Thursday, May 29, for the annual membership meeting. . . The board has received a proposal from Westway residents for a joint member-coop model project in 1 Court designed to improve the exterior appearance of the homes by using aluminum siding and replacing the casement windows. The matter has been referred to the Engineering & Maintenance, Finance, and Aesthetics and Environment committees. . . New members will have an orientation meeting on Wednesday, March 12 at Library. . . GHI has received notice of steep hike in Blue Cross hospital rates for its employees.

Greenbelt's Library

On display this month at the library are pen and ink drawings and prints by Shawn Lockhart of Greenbelt. The Girl Scouts of Greenbelt also have a display.

Pictures

Framed pictures may be borrowed free of charge for eight weeks by adult library card holders. There is a limit of one per family.

Children's programs

Drop-in stories, Thursdays, 2-2:30 p.m., children's program room, ages 3-5. Book Discussion, Wednesdays, 7-7:30 p.m. children's program room, ages 10-12. Folklore Series, March 18, 7-8 p.m., meeting room, ages 6-10 and parents. There will be stories and films from Russia. Miniature Puppet Theater, March 12, 3:30 and 4 p.m., Children's program room, ages 4-7.

GREENBELT GROUP HOLDS TRYOUTS

The Grenoble Theatre Guild of St. Hugh's Church will hold auditions for the comedy "Beggars on Horseback" on March 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m. and on March 8 at 2 p.m. in the Audio-Visual Room of St. Hugh's School on Crescent Rd. Additional tryouts will be held on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Grenoble Hall in the church adjacent to the school.

The presentation of "Beggars on Horseback" on May 9, 10, 16, and 17 will be revival performances for this satire on business, written by George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly. The play typifies the fast-paced, biting humor of many literary and theatrical works of the twenties. There are 21 speaking roles and 6 nonspeaking roles. Direction will be provided by Martin Burke of the Department of Speech Communication and Theatre at Prince Georges Community College. The co-producers are Wayne Williams and Jeff Beyrent. For further information call 474-1259.

A Remembrance

Something is wrong at 6-B Ridge Rd.!! The birds cheep for their morning seeds and the squirrels chatter for the left-overs, but the graying lady who used to provide for them morning and night is no longer there.

The flowers are drooping, even with the expectancy of an early spring because they too realize that their "special some-one" will no longer be there to help defend them from the ever encroaching weeds.

Something is also missing from the Community Church, The Afternoon Guild, the Greenbelt Lions Club, and the Golden Age Club. It is the humor, warmth, love, and affection of Vilma Cormack.

Yes, Vilma Cormack has left 6-B Ridge and Greenbelt to join her husband "Mac" in that great garden in the sky.

Vilma came to Greenbelt with her husband "Mac", who was the last Federal Public Housing Manager of the federal town of Greenbelt.

Vilma earned early recognition with her unusual flower decorating and arrangements and her unusual antiques and "Objets d'Art" in the festivals and shows in and around the town.

She helped in the formation of the Greenbelt Community Chorus, joined the Woman's Club, the Garden Club, the Church Guild, the Lion Belles, and finally the Golden Age Club.

Meanwhile "Mac" was busy arranging for the sale of the government-owned homes to the newly-organized Greenbelt Veteran's Housing Corp., an organization which he was instrumental in establishing. He also sang in the Community Chorus with Vilma, helped with the decorations of the Woman's Club dances and eventually got Vilma involved with the Lion Belles.

We will truly miss Vilma and all the fine things she stood for and for all the fine things she did.

—Charles and Robert Cormack

Recreation Review

Kite Flying Contest

Now is the time to start making kites for the Recreation Department's annual kite flying contest which is only one week away. Kites will be judged on Braden Field, March 15, from 1-3 p.m. Bring the whole family and join in the fun. Watch the News Review for more details.

Women's Softball

Women can sign up on a team by calling Melvin Kent, 474-8851, Nancy Kosisky, 552-3072, or the Recreation Department, 474-6878, Mon. thru Fri., 9-5 p.m.

Men's Invitational Slow-pitch

Program information for the Men's 'A' and 'B' League play will be available next week. These ASA (Amateur Softball Association) Leagues will each play in a separate double round-robin competition for city championships. Call 474-6878 for further details.

Pre-teen Club

All pre-teenagers are invited to the Ridge Road Center for games and refreshments on Fri. evenings from 7-9 p.m. Movies and special activities are also featured.

Teen Club

A dance is scheduled for the Teen Club for Sat., March 8 at the Ridge Road Center. Refreshments will be provided and a nominal fee will be charged. Check at the Youth Center for details. A one day excursion to Williamsburg, Va. is scheduled for Sat., March 29.

Weight Lifting Club Members

Many of the members' cards have expired. In order to continue membership, people must renew their cards. For information as to fees or membership, stop by the Youth Center Business Office, Mon. thru Fri. 9-5 p.m.

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Citizens line up for eye examinations at the recent Health Clinic co-sponsored by the Lions Club and the Recreation Department. Greeting the unidentified people is Co-chairman Henry Fisher. At the end of the line are Lions "Bud" Cormack, Bill Hand and this year's President Don Love.

Health Clinic Results

Close to 300 people turned out for the Health Clinic co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club and the Greenbelt Recreation Department on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Over 200 were found to have normal vision and no glaucoma. Forty had vision or possible glaucoma problems. Seven had cataract problems. All these people were instructed to see their physicians.

The cholesterol results will be coming in from the National Institutes of Health (N.I.H.) in about two weeks. According to chairman Henry Fisher those people found to have high cholesterol count will be contacted as soon as possible.

Delegate Green Holds Open Citizen's Meeting

State Delegate Leo Green will hold an open citizens' meeting on Sat., March 8, at 10 a.m. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building. Delegate Green would like to hear the views of residents.

Little League Sign-up

Registration for the Greenbelt Little League will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Recreation Center. Anyone between the ages of 9 and 12 interested in playing baseball is invited to sign up.

County Limits Rent Increases With Emergency Legislation

With an eye on the area's inflationary crisis, the Prince Georges county council on Tuesday, February 18, voted 8-3 to enact a third year of rent controls that attempts to strike a balance between landlord and tenant concerns.

The measure allows landlords to raise rents but continues control through February 29, 1976.

Eight votes were required to pass the amendment to the Landlord-Tenant Act, since it was emergency legislation. Voting for the amendment were councilmen Francois. Amonett, Bogley, Casula, Hartlove, Koonce, Darlene White and Francis White. Against were councilmen Glendening, McDonough, and Wilson.

According to the amendment, landlords may raise rent 6 percent above the January 1 1975 rent, and pass-through costs from raised utilities or property taxes to the tenants. Utilities include electricity, water, sewer, gas, and fuel. The amendment stipulates, however, that the landlord may not profit from the pass-through.

The amendment also provides landlords with the option of a flat 9 percent increase, instead of 6 percent plus pass-through. The 9 percent ceiling applies where tenants pay no utility bills. Where the tenant pays one utility bill, the limit is 8 percent, and where the tenant pays both gas and electric costs, the limit is 7 percent. The flat rate will probably be used where landlords believe utility rates and the property tax will remain constant.

The enacted amendment also provides that rent controls are removed from dwellings vacated between March 1 1975 and February 29, 1976, if the tenant is not ousted by the landlord. If the landlord removes the tenant, rent controls remain. The exception is removal of a tenant for non-payment of rent. If a tenant is removed for non-payment of rent, controls are removed.

The 1974 rent control bill allowed a flat 6 percent rent hike or 4 percent base increase plus pass-throughs. Landlord groups claim that they had suffered more than a 6 percent rate of inflation last year and could only survive by digging into reserve capital or neglecting maintenance. Tenant groups had sought an amendment that would have allowed landlords to increase rent 3 percent plus pass-through or a flat rate of 6 percent.

Be Eco-Logical

by Tim Moore

People talk a lot today about ecology. Biology teachers tell their students that the earth cannot support many more people with the limited resources available. Everyone, parents and teenagers, got upset last winter sitting in long lines for hours waiting for gas. They talk, and talk, and talk. But what do they do?

Greenbelt is lucky. Our city has made it possible for us to do something helpful—recycle. The city will pick up newspapers for recycling on every Wednesday and Thursday. All you have to do is be sure to put your papers outside where someone else can pick them up. The more papers we recycle, the more trees we save for other needs.

If you've already been putting your papers on the curb for pickup, think about the other things you use that can be recycled. All non-returnable bottles and all aluminum (including aluminum foil) can be taken to the city maintenance building at the Lake Park. In the big orange garbage containers in front of the building, you will find all kinds of materials. The only way we can continue to survive on this earth is to be ecological.

Craft Exhibit

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will hold its first craft show March 13 in the meeting room of the library, from 1 to 7 p.m. If sufficient interest is shown, the exhibit may become an annual event. The public is invited to see the many hand crafted items.



Bicentennial Activities

by Steve Polaschik

Greenbelt Bicentennial Committee members, at their meeting on February 11, began to jell many earlier plans into definite projects. The Committee welcomed its new member, June Isaacs, a resident of Springhill Lake, and two visitors, Dave Myers, who represented the Greenbelt Junior Chamber of Commerce and Anne L. Meglis, who has been doing some research regarding Greenbelt and who presented some exhibit ideas. A second committee member from Springhill Lake, Janice Mosby, was also appointed by council.

Bill Aleshire noted that the Methodist churches in the area hope to be dedicating in May the historic marker to be placed on Edmonston Road to commemorate the Turner family farm and family burial grounds at the city cemetery. This is one of the Greenbelt bicentennial activities. The committee approved the wording for the historical marker which commemorates the city as an early planned community and which will be placed at the Southway entrance; the committee sent this and a request for its funding to city council.

To allow for increased committee activities, Bill Aleshire was elected vice-chairman and David Stern and June Isaacs as co-secretaries.

The Recreation Department sent preliminary suggestions for Greenbelt Day which will be held on June 1, 1975. Included were a town dance on May 31 and a host of activities, including the marker dedication; arts exhibit and demonstration; photography contest of Greenbelt scenes; Greenbelt Day Tennis Tournament; Horseshoe Tournament; Fishing Tournament and one or more concerts. Committee member Nancy Spong indicated that Barbara and Bill Lawson would be serving as key persons in making arrangements for the Saturday night dance on May 31. Anne Meglis will also be working with the Library of Congress and the Greenbelt library regarding appropriate exhibits which will be presented on Greenbelt Day at the library.

The sale of Bennington Flags and Maryland State Bicentennial teaspoons was approved by the committee. Bill Aleshire will be working out details on how Greenbelters can obtain these souvenirs.

David Stern gave a report on the work which he has done to date on the walking tour of Greenbelt markers. If plans are put into effect, rustic markers will be erected which will give a brief history at each of eleven points starting in the vicinity of Candy Cane City at the center and ending at the Greenbelt Lake Park.

Discussions were also held about possible sites for a Greenbelt visitor center, but no definite plans were formulated.

Many more participants for the Bicentennial are needed, as in the words of Bicentennial Administrator John W. Warner, "The success of this most significant period in our history will, in my judgment, be more dependent on the numbers of participants than on the numbers of spectators."

Tollison - Black

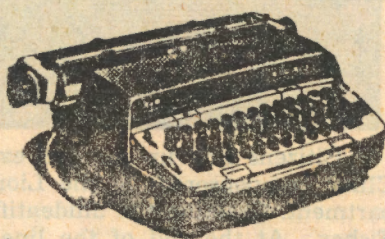
Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Tollison of 1 Pinecrest Court announce the marriage of their daughter Connie Arlene to David Michael Black, son of the Rev and Mrs. David P. Black of College Park.

The ceremony was performed March 1, at 1 p.m. by the Rev. Black and the Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham at the Greenbelt Community Church. After a honeymoon to Florida, the couple will reside in Langley Park.

At the Library

A film discussion will take place at the library on Tues., March 11, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

The Blue Angel, Joseph von Sternberg's classic film about a cabaret singer and a schoolmaster set in prewar Germany, will be viewed and an informal discussion will follow. The film will begin precisely at 7 p.m. Related materials will be available the week prior to the program. Inquire at the librarian's desk.



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The Greenbelt JAYCEES, in their effort to promote physical fitness, sponsored the 14th Annual Washington's Birthday Marathon on the nearby Agricultural Farm on Sunday, Feb. 16. This 26 mile 385 yard running race attracted runners from 15 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The 397 starters was the largest field for this race and makes this marathon fourth in size in the eastern section of the United States. Eddie Hereford, from the North Carolina Track Club, easily won in 2 hours, 24 minutes, 30 seconds, over Max White, the national 50 mile champion, who finished in 2:27:36. Hereford missed the course record by only 13 seconds. Two Greenbelters completed the marathon: Alexander Barnes of Laurel Hill was 84th in 3:04:56 and Marty Greenbaum 89th in 3:05:13. Both men easily qualified for the Boston Marathon standard of 3:30.

JAYCEE President Don Schaeffer fired the starting gun and awarded the marathon prizes. Other JAYCEES manned the sentry posts so that no runners would be injured or lost.

A three mile Run For Your Life attracted 116 men, women and children including a number of Greenbelters.

To G. H. I. Members

Report #3 on GNMA Deferral Monies to be Used For Heat Conservation Programs

Total Funds for Program	\$ 318,763.56
Authorized Expenditures Made to Date for Completed Work	164,243.00
Balance of Funds:	
Committed	\$ 1,979.00
Uncommitted	152,541.56
	154,520.56
Interested Earned to Date	2,539.85
Total	\$ 157,060.41

Location			
Equitable Trust Company (Greenbelt, Maryland)			
Savings Account			629.71
Treasury Bills Purchased through Equitable Trust Co.			
Due May 1, 1975	(Face \$30,000)	Cost	29,604.90
May 15, 1975	(Face \$60,000)	Cost	59,155.40
July 10, 1975	(Face \$70,000)	Cost	67,670.40
		Total as above	\$ 157,060.41

Funds Collected for Repayment:	
Collected in Members Charges - Year 1974	\$ 35,730.80
January 1975 Collection	3,809.83
Interest Earned to Date	425.92
Total	\$ 39,966.55

Location	
Peoples National Bank (Greenbelt, Maryland)	
Savings Account	\$ 4,389.80
Certificates of Deposit (Dues 2-28-75)	11,000.00
Treasury Bill Purchased through Peoples Bank	
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Visiting the Chasnoff family, 45-N Ridge, is Gladys' mother, Mrs. Molly Kramer of Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Congratulations to the Springhill Lake Safety Patrols who won a first place award in a volley ball tournament at Paint Branch Elementary School.

Sid Barnett and Tony Pisano won an easy victory at last Friday's duplicate bridge game. Runners-up were Mr. and Mrs. Herlich, followed by Larry and Lee Fink. Next game: Friday, March 14.

Blythe H. Blanchard, daughter of Lt. Gen. and Mrs. George S. Blanchard, Lakecrest Drive, and a junior at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, has been named to the Dean's list. To qualify for the Dean's List, juniors must attain 3.2 grade average.

Norris G. Jenkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Jenkins, White Birch Ct., has just completed a course at the Coastal School of Deep Sea Diving in Oakland, California. The 11½ week course is given by the only commercial deep sea diving school with its class-

rooms 12 to 30 feet under water. Jenkins learned techniques of underwater construction, use of concrete underwater, pneumatic tools, underwater welding and burning, rigging, demolition and use of explosives in marine and salvage work. He plans to remain in the salvage and construction fields of diving.

James R. Cantwell Greentree Pl., has earned a position on the Academic Dean's List for the first semester at Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md. To qualify, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.25.

Sherry E. Brubaker has been named to the fall 1974 Dean's Honor Roll at the University of Tulsa. She is the daughter of Joseph W. Brubaker, Ridge Road.

Mrs. Anne Llewellyn Meglis of 2E Westway is the author of an illustrated booklet, *A Bibliographic Tour of Washington, D.C.* published by the D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency. She is the librarian of the agency.

Springhill Lake Duplicate Bridge on Feb. 23 ended in a three way tie for first. The winners were Cary and Dottie Finder, Jule Churchill and Margaret Clymer, and Bob and Alice Longood. The next session is March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Springhill Lake Community House. There is an admission charge. For information, call 345-1198.

It's a boy for Mr. & Mrs. Rick Smith, 9324 Edmonston Rd. Richard Maxwell III was born Feb. 26 and weighed in at 6 lbs. 5 oz.

We were surprised to see Georgene Turner in the bank the other day. She and Jim were in town briefly, selling their house. Georgene, looking very well, reports they all love living in Ottawa - the children are learning French in school (required) and ice skating on a five mile canal and generally enjoying the pleasures of the frozen north. Ottawa is a great place to live, she says, with a friendly, small town character and an excellent public transportation system. Georgene reports that Sumi and John Whitehead and children are in Tokyo for two years. Georgene and Sumi each took turns as circulation manager for the News Review.

Navv Gunner's Mate Third Class Ronald Tilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tilton, 2-N Gardenway, participated in "Midlink-74," a multinational training exercise in the Indian Ocean. He is serving aboard the destroyer escort USS Elmer Montgomery, and has visited the island of Mauritius, Pakistan, Jordan and several African countries.

Mayor Richard R. Pilski has been appointed to the Committee on Transportation of the National League of Cities. Pilski was nominated by the Maryland Municipal League.

COG Board Chairman, Sterling Tucker has named councilman Thomas X. White to head COG's Health and Environmental Protection committee in 1975.

Several works of Greenbelters were selected to appear in the Prince Georges County "Artists Today Exhibit" which will tour the county. Harold Levitt received a third prize award in oils for his painting "Samson Kills the Lion." Valerie Watson received honorable mention for "Sam's House." The exhibit, which is sponsored by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, will be on display in the Greenbelt library in Oct.

Anne and Peter Brunner announce the birth of David Andrew on Feb. 9, weighing in at 7 lbs. 13½ oz. David joins a sister Laurie, aged 4½ years. The paternal grandparents are Robert and Alice Brunner of 7-E Ridge Rd. The maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rosen and family recently visited from New York.

Mr. & Mrs. Ferrell Lloyd announce the birth of their daughter, Angela Diane, on Feb. 18. Her grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Miller, resides at 1-B Southway, Greenbelt.

People are cordially invited to "Music in Our School Day" March 13 at 10 a.m. at Center Elementary School to watch children from various classes perform on stage says music teacher Mrs. Cook.

Police Blotter

A resident of University Square, returning home, found her apartment door open and her personal property stacked in the middle of the living room. A patio door had been forced, and her return had chased off the thieves.

Four juveniles were apprehended lighting matches in the basement of a building in University Square. All were released to parents with a warning.

A juvenile was taken into custody for possessing a weapon known as num-chucks. A recent state law prohibits possession of this weapon in public.

In keeping with the spirit of inter-departmental cooperation, the department is conducting training in the use of radar for the Cheverly Police Department.

Cpl. Brumley recently attended a training school for certification of firearms instructors sponsored by the Maryland State Police Training Commission. Cpl. Brumley was one of only a few area officers invited to participate in the program.

A lookout has been issued for a subject who exposed himself to a teacher in the parking lot of a local school.

Several citizens who purchased magazines and encyclopedias were alarmed to find the salesman had used different identification and claimed to be sponsored by various groups, dependent upon whatever charity he felt the perspective donor would be most receptive to. All citizens who dealt with the suspect have been advised to cancel their orders and checks. All residents are advised to demand to be shown a city permit before dealing with any vendor or traveling salesman. The police department conducts an investigation prior to the issuance of any permits.

Valuable jewelry was stolen from a home on Lastner Lane. Investigation revealed the owner did not lock the house while he was away.

City-owned picnic tables were smashed by vandals in the lake park. The culprits were frightened off before they could make use of the gasoline officers found nearby.

The department investigated a case in which a three year old was overcome by fumes from a commercial product designed to free clogged drains. The product had a chemical reaction which produced chlorine gas. The youngster and his mother were treated at the hospital for respiratory difficulties and released.

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Local Transit Proposal Gets Cold Shoulder

by Roberta McNamara

Wednesday, Feb. 26, city council scheduled a public hearing to discuss the transportation study prepared by Wilbur Smith & Associates. All the members of council showed; Jim Giese, City Manager, Dennis Piendak, Assistant Manager, showed. Even their aide, Roger Anthony showed. To the chagrin of council, Charles T. McDonald and Robert Hardie were the only Greenbelt residents to show. Thus one can understand council's hesitancy to commit the city to any transportation system with capital costs of \$250,000 and minimum deficit operating costs of \$152,000.

McDonald related that he came at the urging of others to explain the bus route for senior citizens which he helped to develop by a grant of a bus from the Division of Aging. He mentioned that if ridership were large enough, the bus could be scheduled for an additional day of the week.

Councilman Tom White noted the isolation of Springhill Lake and asked if there were plans to include those residents. (As of this week SHL is included.) White felt council should give its cooperation to the project.

Unhappy Council

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld was not satisfied with the transit study and felt that what had been proposed was more than the city needed. He was dismayed at the lack of public interest—first shown by a 7% response to the initial survey and additionally shown by non-attendance at this meeting. He questioned the feasibility of continuing with the second phase of the survey.

Councilman Charles Schwan, as pleased as the rest of city council with McDonald's achievement, stated that the success of the senior citizen's bus was dependent on publicity and thought that the city perhaps could help publicize the venture. He felt that this plan would satisfy a current public need and wondered why the survey did not mention this arrangement with the Division of Aging.

Councilman Richard Castaldi summed up the council's attitude by saying he could not see voting any more expenditures for city transit because of the citizens' apathy. A major transportation concern of council had been for senior citizens and the needs were going to be met. The city certainly could not offer a bus ride for ten cents—the cost to ride a senior citizen bus.

Hardie criticized the study: Wilbur & Associates could have surveyed people, particularly the youth, more effectively by some other method other than home survey; the study should have alluded to transportation needs in terms of city growth. As is, he felt the city should not spend the money.

Taxi Possibility

As council was about to shelve the issue due to lack of interest, Mr. Williams from Capitol Cabs arrived to explain his company was expanding to include Bowie and had plans to operate in Greenbelt. He mentioned that there were federal subsidy funds available for cab fares. He thought that the city would wish to participate. According to Williams the cutoff date for this fiscal year was March 1, 1975, however, applications for the next fiscal year should be ready by July 1, 1975. The city manager planned to discuss and study the matter and report back to council.

LA LECHE MEETING

La Leche League of Greenbelt announces the third in a series of four meetings to be held Thursday evening, March 13 at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Wayne Williams, 3D Ridge Road; or if you prefer, there will be a day meeting on Wednesday, March 19 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Regis Milan, 224 Lastner Lane. This month's topic will be "Baby Arrives;" "The Family and the Breastfed Baby."

The League's purpose is to help encourage "good mothering through breastfeeding." All women who are interested in nursing their babies are invited . . . as are their babies. You need not be pregnant or even have a family to attend. For further details call Mrs. Joseph Vose at 552-3498 or Mrs. Charles Davis at 552-2928.

Ralph Diest Named City's Outstanding Employee

At the fourth annual City Employees' Banquet held Sat., Feb. 22, Ralph E. Diest was selected Outstanding City Employee for 1974. A nineteen year employee of the Public Works Department, he currently serves in the dual role of Refuse Crew Foreman and Animal Warden.

Winners of this award are selected by City Council from a list of nominees. Ralph, who was nominated by both a resident and a fellow employee, was singled out for his excellent work in both jobs.

As Refuse Foreman, Ralph is immediate supervisor of this crew and has responsibility for operating the special trash program. His animal warden duties require that he be available and on call beyond normal work hours, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Because of a willingness to do what is necessary to get the job done, Ralph was cited for his attitude, dependability, dedication and a willingness to respond day or night.

In addition to selecting the Outstanding Employee, several employees were recognized for long term service to the City. Honored for 30 years' service was Chester Jenkins, Refuse Collector in the Public Works Department. Chester began his employment with the City in 1944 and was described as the mainstay of the Refuse Crew. A twenty-five year service award was made to J. Paul Williams. It was noted that Paul, the handyman of the Public Works Department, has held several positions with the City including Bus Operator, Foreman and Administrative Aide. He was most recently promoted to Assistant Public Works Director.

Ten year service awards were made to Police Chief William T. Lane and Parks Crewman Alfred Markell. Receiving five year awards were John Behrens, Public Works Refuse Collector-Driver; Betty Lehman, Recreation Department Secretary; Gudren Mills, City Clerk; and Ray Vitch, Public Works Equipment Operator.

Boys and Girls Club

by Fred Ford

Forestville Invitational Tournament Champs - The 14 year old boys are now the 1975 champs of the Forestville Tournament. Coach Phil Straw reported there was a great team effort with Chris Dwyer high man both days. This team also attended the U. of Md. vs. East Louisville game Sat. March 1 and had the honor of paying tribute to the seniors Tom Roy, Billy Hahn and Owen Brown by the presentation of a tribute for their 4 years with the Terrapins. Bobby Kent and Craig Fitzenreiter represented the entire team by making the presentation at center court. The presence of a team from Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club was announced three times over the loud speaker. **Registration** - Members may sign-up Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. at the Youth Center or call Mary Ford, 474-8343. Dues are the same as last year and we must have the new membership list in the Prince Georges Boys Club office by April 1.

Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will hold its regular meeting on Thursday, March 13 at 7:45 p.m. in the meeting room of the library. Dr. Messersmith, professor of entomology at the U. of Md., will talk and show slides of the Scandinavian countries. All Greenbelt women are welcome to attend.

Cash For Your Cans

"When you begin your spring cleaning this year, make some money at the same time . . . by recycling all-aluminum cans," says E. J. Kelly, manager, Mid-Atlantic region for Reynolds Aluminum recycling program. The Reynolds mobile unit truck will be parked at the Beltway Plaza again on Wednesday, March 12 from 10-11 a.m.

Anything from aluminum pie plates to cans will bring 15c a pound - cash on the spot. Aluminum must be clean and contained in a plastic bag. Old aluminum lawn chairs must have all webbing and steel rivets removed.

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